(b) what merit has been acclaimed for each new breed;

(c) whether the claims of researches have been confirmed; and

(d) where these new breeds have been kept and to what extent it would increase the production in the regions where these are in use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (*SHRI K. C. LENKA*): Sir, one breed of cattle—Karan Fries and three poultry breeds—ILM-90 and ILR-90 and IBI-91 have been evolved by ICAR during the last three years.

(b) The Karan Fries breed has been developed with a view to produce animals which will have much better economic value than the best indigenous breeds. It is aimed to produce animals which will given an average of 3000 litres milk per lactation, have reduced age at first calving and reduced calving interval.

Merit claimed for each of the three poultry breeds is as follows:—

ILM-90 — Hen-housed egg production of more than 260 eggs upto 500 days of age with egg weight of more than 52 grams at 40 weeks of age.

ILR-90 — Hen-housed egg production of above 245 eggs upto 500 days of age with more than 52 grams egg weight at 40 weeks of age.

IBI-91 — Six weeks body weight of more than 1300 grams and seven weeks of body weight of more than 1500 grams with feed efficiency of age. 2.2 at six weeks and 2.4 at seven weeks of age.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Karan Fries is being maintained at National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal and Southern Regional Station of NDRI at Bangalore. The cross-breeding involving Karan Fries has resulted in the increase of milk yield of indigenous cows. The average milk yield of indigenous cows was 1064 kg. while it was 2286.9 kg. for crossbred cows in the villages.

The new three breeds of poultry, namely, ILM-90, ILR-90, IBI-91 have been kept at Trichur, Hyderabad, and Izatnagar. The production will increase upto 260 eggs in layers for each ILM-90 at Kerala Agriculturai University, Trichur upto 245 eggs in layers for each ILR-90 at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University; Hyderabad and for each IBI-91, broiler, the body weight will be achieved upto 1300 grams per bird at six weeks of age at Central Avian Research Institute. Izatnagar, U.P., by continuous use of the improved germ plasm of the above breeds.

Circular Train in Calcutta

217. SHRI M. D. SALIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a Circular Rail in operation in Calcutta which is not exactly circular and completed; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Completion of Circular Railway involves connecting Princep Ghat to Majerhat, through Calcutta Port Trust (CPT) land and will depend upon the CPT authorities making available the required land to Railways.

Robbing of passengers in North-East Frontier Railways

218. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a gang is operating in North-East

Frontier Railway, who are drugging passengers for robbing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to protect the passengers from such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 23.7.1991 a raid was conducted by GRP/Guwahati with the assistance of RPF on train No. 2558 Dn. Kanchan Janga Express and a woman, who had drugged two passengers in a coach through sweets, was arrested and on her disclosure, her 8 other associates were arrested.

A criminal case has been registered by GRP/Guwahati.

(c) The maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, Railways maintain co-ordination with state Government authorities in this connection.

Linking of Godavari and Krishna Rivers

219. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link Godavari and Krishna rivers, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government pending with Central Government for clearance in this regard; and

(c) if so, at what stage of consideration is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government has prepared a National Perspective for the development of water resources in the country. For the integrated development of Peninsular Rivers, the National Water Development Agency is carrying out water balance studies for the 17 water transfer links. Of these 17 links, the following 3 links involve interlinking of Godavari river with Krishna river:—

(i) Godavari (Polavaram) — Krishna (Vijayawada) link.

(ii) Godavari (Inchampalli)—Krishna (Pulachintala) link.

(iii) Godavari (Inchampalli) — Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link. National Water Development Agency has studied and prepared preliminary feasibility reports for the first two links.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a proposal for the construction of Polavaram Project which, inter *alia*, envisaged transfer of water from Godavari to Krishna. Besides, requirement of environment and forest clearances, a number of deficiencies were found in the proposal by the Central Water Commission. Therefore the project was returned to the State Government in 1987.

In July, 1990 the State Government had forwarded updated cost estimate of the project to the Central Water Commission without complying with the deficiencies and observations made in December, 1987. The State Government was requested in July, 1990 itself to furnish a modified project report after compliance of the observations.

Easing of traffic onGrand Trunk Line

220. DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to divert either Konark or Godavari Express trains via Nadikude, Guntur in order to ease the traffic on Grand Trunk Line as well as to reduce the distance between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam and also to facilitate the passengers of Guntur, Nalgonda etc.; and